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"It so happened, that Miss Amarillis had a new gown, and her brother a new coat, both at the same time, in order to go to the fair along with some other little folks like themselves. The morning was delightful and pleasant, and promised a fine day, so that all the little gentry were dressed in their best apparel; but just as they were going to set out, the sky was suddenly overcast, the clouds presently collected, and the rain fell in torrents, continuing almost the whole day, without any material intermission that would admit them to stir out.

"This was a terrible disappointment; for the fair was held only once a year, and they had, for some time before, been reckoning on the pleasures and amusements that day would afford them. It was very excusable in such pretty little creatures, if they were somewhat uneasy at this disappointment; but they were above crying on the occasion.

"Their mama, who was a very sensible lady, plainly saw, that this disappointment gave Amarillis and her brother much uneasiness, she therefore called them to her, and, after tenderly kissing them, thus said to them:

"My dear children, I am sorry you have met with this disappointment in the weather; but I am sure you would much rather the rain should keep you at home, than either lameness or sickness. Therefore thank God that you are neither sick nor lame, but are in a

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